GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUBSIDY ON WHEAT EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of subsidy provided on export of wheat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the agencies to which the said subsidy is provided;

(c) whether despite the payment of subsidy the exports have failed to pick up; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to boost the export of wheat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): This Department releases food subsidy to the Food Corporation of India. During the last three years, i.e., 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04, the subsidy payable by Food Corporation of India on account of export of wheat is as under:-

YEAR	SUBSIDY (RS. IN CRORES)
2001-02	1632.42
2002-03	3290.98
2003-04	3234.13

(c) & (d): The sale of foodgrains for exports was started with the primary objective of liquidating huge built up of stocks in the year 2000 and certain expenses were reimbursed to the exporters as per standard international practices. As such, the question of boosting exports of wheat does not arise.